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### ***Kernan Announces State Loan to Clark County Schools for Energy Efficiency Project***

INDIANAPOLIS — Lt. Governor Joe Kernan announced today that Jeffersonville's Greater Clark County Schools has received a \$100,000 zero-interest loan from the Public Facility Energy Efficiency Program (PFEET).

Greater Clark County Schools plans to replace existing energy management systems in eight elementary schools with new energy-saving equipment. The new systems will more efficiently control heating ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC), water pumps and other equipment throughout the schools. The proposed energy management system replacement could reduce the school system's overall energy consumption by 14 percent.

"We encourage the use of energy-efficient systems in public facilities because it reduces energy consumption and the cost of providing services to Indiana citizens," said Kernan, who serves as director of the Indiana Department of Commerce. "This project will serve as a good example for other facilities considering options to reduce energy consumption and operating costs."

The Public Facility Energy Efficiency Program provides zero-interest loans to Indiana schools, libraries and political subdivisions proposing to purchase new, more efficient equipment. Up to \$100,000 is available per applicant for implementing energy-efficient improvements in existing facilities and designing energy-efficiency measures into new facilities. Loans are awarded on a quarterly basis.

The loan, approved by the Indiana Recycling and Energy Development Board, will be administered by the Indiana Department of Commerce's Energy Policy Division. For more information on the Public Facility Energy Efficiency Program, contact Gavin Williams at 317.232.8979 or visit the Web site at [www.indianacommerce.com](http://www.indianacommerce.com).

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